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Mr. Orlando Monaco Department of Navy Base Realignment and Closure PMO-Northeast 4911 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19112-1303

Subject: BACSE Comments on the November 8, 2006 Restoration Advisory Board Meeting Notes

Dear Mr. Monaco:

The following comments regarding the November 8, 2006 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Notes (which were received by email on November 29, 2006) are submitted on behalf of the Brunswick Area Citizens for a Safe Environment (BACSE). BACSE appreciates the use of a dedicated note-taker at the meeting, as it has improved both the content and the timeliness of releasing the meeting notes.

Meeting Attendees

Tom Fusco and Loukie Lofchie of BACSE, and Suzanne Johnson, representing the Town of Brunswick, should be added to the list of attendees. Other attendees included Len Freeman and Francis McVeigh. In addition, Tom Fusco and Captain Womack should be identified as the RAB co-chairs.

Newsletter

Christine Williams said that EPA's Superfund website can host the newsletter. Other sites can then provide a link to EPA's website.

Site Management Plan

To clarify, the December 2006 release is for a draft version of the SMP.

IR Program Budget

In the fifth paragraph under the heading, it should be clarified that the concentrations of 1.4-dioxane are low in the influent, having been diluted by "clean" water pulled in to extraction wells that are not located near a "hot spot". In addition, if UVOX is to be used, the carbon strippers will be kept on-line.

Base Operating Instruction

The last sentence in the second paragraph is unclear. Should it read that the Navy is reviewing the assumptions from the original Records of Decision (not Instruction), since the ROD assumptions are invalid?

In the fourth paragraph, the LRA will need to work with developers who may need to factor in the cost of connecting to the municipal water line.

In closing the discussion of this topic, Christine Williams (EPA) stated that the Instruction lays the basis for deed restrictions required for property transfer, so it is important to get it straight.

Extraction Well

While there is existing piping to the treatment already in place, if the new extraction well is found to have high concentrations of 1,4-dioxane, a separate line may be needed to prevent dilution by water from other "cleaner" extraction wells.

Other Business

A new heading (such as Other Business, or Questions and Answers, etc.) is needed following the paragraphs on the Mere Brook Investigation.

With regard to the possibility of fuel dumping near the southern end of the runway, John James will query some former P-3 pilots.

Additional Comments.

BACSE suggests, as it has in comments on previous meeting and conference call minutes and notes, that acronyms (such as ARAR) be spelled out, either within the text or in an attached list.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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